

**Question for written answer E-7563/2010
to the Commission**
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Subject: Relationship between SELEC and Europol

One of the most important centres in the struggle against organised crime in south-eastern Europe is SELEC, in which Member States, candidate countries and non-EU states are engaged in effective cooperation. It is in the essential interest both of the Member States and of the European Union itself that there is a continuous improvement in cross-border police cooperation. Problems might occur as a result of information sharing not always operating smoothly between Europol, a European organisation where cooperation is a priority, and SELEC.

How does the Commission intend to promote the optimum flow of information and improve cooperation between Europol and SELEC? What action has it taken recently and what action does it plan to take in order to ensure this?